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PRICE 2½ PER MONTH

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

April 17, *UNIVERSAL*, German steamer, 2,877, P. Mayr's, Bremen, 9th March; and Singapore 14th April. General—*MELCHERS & CO.*
April 18, *INGO*, German str., 702, Sohns, Wismar 18th April. General—*STENKSEN & CO.*
April 18, *BRONSON*, British steamer, 1,647, Danes, London, Singapore, via Penang 11th April. General—*ADAMSON, BELL & CO.*
April 19, *VICTORIA*, British steamer, 1,530, J. Compton, Nagasaki 18th April, Calis.—*MARSHAL & CO.*
April 18, *SOLED*, Spanish sch., 526, C. Sobrido, Almeria (Lima) 9th April, Timber—*LANE, CHANDLER & CO.*
April 18, *ORESTER*, British steamer, 1,279, J. Hutchinson, Glasgow, Liverpool 2nd March, and Singapore 12th April. General—*BUTTERFIELD & SWINE*.
April 18, *KONG BENG*, British steamer, 362, R. Jones, Bangkok 10th April, Rice and General—*YEN FAT HONG*.

CLEARANCES.

At the HARBOUR MASTER'S OFFICE
18th APRIL

Breconshire, British str., for Kobe.
Benedict, British str., for Kobe.
Hawthorn, British str., for Swatow.
Johann, German str., for Hawhaw.
Hydro, German str., for Tamsui.
Peking, German str., for Shanghai.
Mitske Maru, Jap. str., for Katchinada.

DEPARTURES.

April 18, *SUNGKANG*, British str., for Tientsin.
April 18, *PEKING*, German str., for Shanghai.
April 18, *P. C. KIAO*, British str., for Swatow.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per *Bosun*, str., from Bremen, &—*Messrs. Finke, Rathaus, Kirschseis, Webber, Rottenburg, Kraus, Behn, and Gray*, and 235 Chinese, from Singapore.

Per *Breconshire*, str., from London, &—*Prod. Dadswell*, and 200 Chinese, from Singapore.

Per *Kong Heng*, str., from Bangkok.—*Mr. Wm. Ramsay*, and 116 Chinese.

Per *Orester*, str., from Glasgow, &—*Mr. J. Booth*, and 235 Chinese, from Singapore.

For *Amoy*—*Mrs. Ivy*, maid and 3 children.

For *Shanghai*—*Mr. J. H. Pearce*.

Per *Thien*, str., from Sydney.—*Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Clark*, and 3 Misses Skaratt, Mr. and Mrs. Gao, Munro, Colonel, and Mrs. Compton, and Mr. and Mrs. Dr. and Mrs. J. F. Elliot, Mr. and Mrs. J. Taylor, Misses Pearson and Warwick, Misses P. H. Ewing and R. P. Wright, and 146 Chinese.

REPORTS.

The British steamer *Kong Beng*, from Bangkok 10th April, reports experienced moderate to fresh S.E. and E. winds and fine weather for the first part; and light gales N.E. winds and fine freshening as she neared the Ladrones into a moderate breeze and occasional hazy, light winds and fine to port.

AMERICAN SHIPPING.

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3. *Haita*, British str., from Hongkong.
5. *Nano*, British str., from Foochow.
3. *Velox*, German str., from Swatow.
5. *Chia Wan*, Chinese g.-bt., from Foochow.
4. *Diamond*, British str., from Newchwang.
5. *Thala*, British str., from Hongkong.
6. *Fokien*, British str., from Tamsui.
7. *Hollow*, British str., from Swatow.
8. *Nanlung*, British str., from Hongkong.
7. *Lauret*, British str., from Hongkong.
5. *Haita*, British str., from Foochow.
8. *Bellerophon*, British str., from Shanghai.
5. *Long Song*, Chinese g.-bt., from a cruise.
5. *Chia Wan*, Chinese str., from Foochow.
2. *Forbes*, British str., from Foochow.
10. *Fokien*, British str., from Tamsui.
11. *Chi-yueh*, Chinese str., from Swatow.
12. *Hollow*, British str., from Hongkong.
7. *Hollow*, British str., from Foochow.
5. *Haita*, British str., from Foochow.
8. *Velox*, German str., for Deli.
3. *Nano*, British str., for Swatow.
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5. *Chia Wan*, Chinese g.-bt., for Foochow.
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2. *Christian*, German sch., for Taiwan.
3. *Haita*, British str., for Foochow.
5. *Velox*, German str., for Deli.

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Lord Randolph Churchill has declined the invitation of the Conservatives to stand for Central Birmingham. The Conservatives have finally decided not to sit for Central Birmingham, but to give all their support to Mr. Albert Bright, a Liberal-Unionist candidate.

MISSION TO ENQUIRE INTO THE WORKING OF THE VACCINATION LAW.

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In the House of Commons Mr. Bright, president of the Local Government Board, replied to a question said that Government will appoint a Commission to enquire into the working of the vaccination law, and thus dispel doubts in respect thereto, which those in favour of its abolition have created.

THE QUEEN'S RETURN TO ENGLAND.
LONDON, 4th April.

The Queen arrived at Windsor Castle last night from Biarritz.

THE FRENCH PUBLIC PROSECUTOR.

PARIS, 1st April.

M. Quesnoy has superseded M. Bonhag as Public Prosecutor.

THE TRIAL OF M. DEROUETTE AND HIS CONFEDERATES.

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The trial of M. Derouette, three deputies and one senator for belonging to a secret society, namely the Patriotic League, has commenced. This trial is irrespective of the impending prosecution of General Boulangier, which will be read that the vessels were to be ready on the 1st and 2nd August respectively, but that in consequence of the typhoon season prevailing at that time and the circumstances of plaintiffs themselves admitting the responsibility for the delay, they undertook the risk of taking the steamer to Haiphong and of their arriving there in safe and proper condition, and although delivery was mentioned, it really means a second transfer. Such a construction did seem to read naturally with the other part of the agreement, and the agreements of his kind they must as far as possible be given to the letter. He found therefore a matter of fact that the delivery was made on the 5th and 12th August respectively. That would dispose of the claim for damages for delay while the steamer were at Haiphong. He now came to the claim for expenses incurred while the steamer were at Haiphong. He had thought at first that some portion of this might be deemed expenses of the passage, but on reading over the correspondence he found that that portion that could not be so considered. What was the position of the parties at Haiphong? Plaintiff's conduct was that of the contract subject to the approval of the French commissioners. He thought that in plaintiff's agreeing to that he became in a certain sense responsible for any delay which might have arisen. It seemed to him that the defendant's position at that time was that of the ordinary purchase of an article which was not satisfactory. He did not then return the steamer which had been sent to him, but would certainly consider whether he was best off in view of the death of the *Norge*. Plaintiff, however, had not yet decided in the matter.

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BUCHAREST, 1st April.

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